It is recognised that a dispensary is needed at Tengapattanam, and provision of funds was actually ordered to be made in the budget. That had, however, to lie over because of financial stringency. It will be considered again when the budget for 1108 is framed.

The Chief Engineer will take an early opportunity to inspect the Kuzhittura-Tengapattanam road and see whether your statement is correct.

A beach road connecting Colachel with Tengapattanam is part of the proposed road from Trivandrum to the Cape. That will have to wait until funds are available.

There is a maintenance grant of Rs. 600 for the A. V. M. canal, and that is reported to be sufficient.

77. Needs of the Vilavankod taluk.

MRS. WALSALAM ROSE (*Nominated*) first represented about the necessity for improving and taking over for departmental maintenance the cart trace starting from the 3rd mile, 4th furlong, of the Martandam-Karingal road and leading to the Monday market-Putukada road at Tolayavetta in front of the Killiyur Pakuthi Cutcherry. The trace, if properly improved and laid out, would be of immense use to the villagers of Palllyadi, Tipramalai, Mukilanavillai, Tazhakanvilai, Mankara, Pallankudi, Venkod, Killiyur and Nattalam. The cost of opening a well laid out road would not exceed Rs. 2,000.

Another need was the opening of a road starting from the 3rd mile of the Parassala-Kollenkod road near Neythavila Roman Catholic church and joining Toottur *via* Nambali. There was already a six feet trace from near the Neythavila church to Nambali for a distance of one and a half miles. The trace was not visible for the next one mile, but it was again in evidence when nearing Toottur. The road would not cost more than Rs. 1,000 and if opened would serve the villages of Nambali, Allenkod, Kirattur, Toottur, Porankod, Anakuzhi and Melankod, with a population of over 5,000people.

Lastly, the member represented about the need for the construction of a channel from the Kodayar-fed Kattittattur tank in Valvachagoshtam *pakuthi* to join the Kokkuruni tank in Tipramalai, *via* Palliyadi, Kakkanad and Ettani, for the better irrigation of the *pakuthies* of Killiyur, Midalam, Kizhmidalam and Kizhkulam. The cultivators of the paddy lands in these *pakuthies* suffered very much for want of proper water supply for irrigation purposes. The channel would not cost more than Rs. 10,000.

DEWAN'S REPLY: It is reported, Mrs. Rose, that the first cart trace which you ask for would cost not Rs. 2,000 but Rs. 5,000. Its length is about two miles and it seems to be a suitable one for a ryots' road.

The second road requires investigation and consideration by the Road Board.

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The Chief Engineer has reported that the channel which you want is not feasible owing to the low valley and the high ridge intervening. The work is considered not feasible from an engineering point of view.

78. Needs of Kuzhittura.

Mr. P. V. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Kuzhittura*) first represented about the necessity for constructing a channel from Aruvikara near Tiruvattar to the western border of the Nallur *ela* near Chennittottam bridge. The question of opening the channel was taken up and considered by the Government some forty or fifty years back, but nothing further was done in the matter. The canal, if constructed, would be useful for irrigating many acres of paddy fields in the locality.

The roads leading from the northern gate of the Kuzhittura Palace to the main road and from the Perunteruvu] temple to Kadantankod were submerged under water during the rainy season causing much inconvenience to the people, especially the school-going children. The roads were only three or four furlongs in length. They should be raised above flood level. Strong and well built sluices with shutters should also be provided for the benefit of the *elas* of Kurumattur and Kadantankod, to prevent flood water from entering the *elas* and for draining the flood water from the *elas*.

Two primary schools should be opened, one at Toduvetti and the other at Perunteruvu, as feeders to the middle school at Vilavankod. During rainy season it was quite unsafe for small children from Kuzhittura, Kadantankod, Pakod and other places to go to the V. M. school. The additional divisions in the lower classes of the V. M. school could be abolished and in their place, two primary schools might be newly opened.

A dispensary at Kuzhittura was an imperative need. The poor people could not afford to pay for the medicine they get from the Mission hospital at Martandam. The Government hospitals at Parassala and Tuckalai were far away. The urgency of the need had been repeatedly urged on the attention of the Government through representations in the Assembly.

A Bench Magistrate's Court should be established at Kuzhittura. If this could not be done the Judges of the local Village Panchayat Court might be invested with Magisterial powers. This was necessary as the file of the Stationary Magistrate at Kuzhittura was very heavy and cases accumulated in the Court in large numbers.

Lastly, arrangments should be made with the Postal authorities to shift the Post Office at Martandam to the building in which it was originally located.

DEWAN'S REPLY: The construction of a channel from Tiruvattar Aruvikara for two miles has been estimated for. But, Mr. Subrahmanya Pillai, its extension to Nallur depends on the amount of water available. It is a small channel with not enough water and the matter can be considered only after the two miles which have already been estimated for have been completed.

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